

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following sentence after the title on page 1 of the specification:

Priority is claimed to Korean patent application number 10-2003-0025863, filed April 23, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph encompassing lines 19-25, at page 1 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

PHA is a polyester-type compound, which accumulates ~~is accumulated~~ within a microorganism as to act as a carbon source when the microorganism has excess sources of carbon available ~~carbon source present therein with a corresponding lack of while it lacks other~~ nutrients, such as phosphorus, nitrogen, magnesium and oxygen. Since this PHA has physical properties similar to synthetic polymers ~~polymer~~ originated from petroleum, while showing complete biodegradability, it is being recognized as a substitute for prior synthetic plastics.